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DEPTEL 9 received afternoon July 30.

By that time an article had already appeared in BARZA AL JADIDA stating in part that Prime Minister "confirmed that America has contributed 30 thousand tons of wheat to Libya and that a portion of this wheat has already arrived in Libya. Such assistance from America is to relieve the hardship caused by drought in Libya."

Since wheat announcement already made would seem undesirable to raise problem that may never materialize if pending legislation and other arrangements permit free grant. Despatch analyzing effects locally of local currency fund procedure will be pouched soonest.

Understand that Prime Minister has given interview to Zagoub for further article on his trip to appear in AL-BARHAYER on Monday but doubt whether statement on wheat will be amplified much, if any.

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